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MILITARY ADDEES TAKE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MORG, PFOR, BA
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) MANAMA 1033 (B) STATE 104883

1. MET MAY 23 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AT MY REQUEST. HE
APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN TAKING UP WHRE WE LEFT OFF IN
MIDEASTFOR TALKS (MANAMA REFTTEL) BUT SAID HE AND GOB LEGAL
ADVISOR HAD HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING TOGETHER TO REVIEW
DOCUMENTS PROPOSED TO COVER POST-JUNE 30 NAVY PRESENCE HERE.
FIRST DOCUMENT HE WANTED TO DISCUSS WAS PROPOSED JOINT
STATEMENT; HIS SUGGESTED REVISIONS REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. WE THEN WORKED OUT LANGUAGE TO MEET HIS CONCERN THAT, IN
AMENDED LEASE, PEACEFUL NATURE OF MAC FLIGHTS BE SPELLED OUT.
LANGUAGE BELOW, CLEARED BY COMIDEASTFOR, WOULD BE INSERTED
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JUST BEFORE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA FOUR OF PROPOSED NEW
LANGUAGE FOR ANNEX "A" OF LEASE. BEGIN TEXT. MILITARY
AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) SUPPORT FLIGHTS ARE NOT TO INCLUDE ANY
COMBAT AIRCRAFT AND WILL ONLY BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DELIVERING CARGO. SUCH CARGO WILL BE IN THE NATURE OF
EQUIPMENTS, REPAIR PARTS, FOOD PROVISIOINS, GENREAL SUQPLIES,
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND PERSONNEL. END TEXT.

3. I REVIEWED FOR HIM TERMINATION CLAUSES OF LEASE AND HE AGREED THAT NEW LANGUAGE WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY, THOUGH HE WOULD CHECK WITH LEGAL ADVISOR AGAIN ON THIS POINT. I ASKED IF HE OR LEGAL ADVISOR HAD ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TWO DIPLOMATIC NOTES. FONMIN SAID HE THOUGHT NOT BUT THAT HE, LEGAL ADVISOR, AND I SHOULD MEET SOON TO GO OVER ALL THREE DOCUMENTS IN ORDER SPEED UP PROCESS. (I WILL SUGGEST TO FONMIN THAT ADMIRAL CROWE JOIN ME FOR MEETING WITH LEGAL ADVISOR.) FONMIN DID NOT RAISE QUESTION OF NAVY AIRCRAFT'S AUSPICES HERE NOR DID I IN ABSENCE OF REPLY TO MANAMA REFTEL QUERY ON THIS POINT.

4. I WAS SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY FONMIN'S STATEMENT THAT HE AND LEGAL ADVISOR HAD BEEN READING OUR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LEASE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO LEASE ITSELF. I GATHERED THAT EITHER MINISTER OF POWER AND WORKS, WHO SIGNED LEASE FOR GOB, HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND HIS COPY OR THAT FONMIN HAD NOT WANTED TO ASK HIS COLLEAGUE FOR COPY OF THIS BASIC DOCUMENT. I HAVE PROVIDED FONMIN WITH COPY OF ORIGINAL LEASE. SINCE FONMIN AND LEGAL ADVISOR HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT LEASE AMENDMENTS ALMOST IN A VACUUM, I SUSPECT WE WILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS AND REQUEST FOR CHANGES THAN MY RECENT TALKS WITH FONMIN HAVE INDICATED.
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